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INTERARMCO CHIEF ON CIA

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HAMBURG DER SPIEGEL WEEKLY ISSUE DATED 28 JUN 1961 CARRIES AN ARTICLE OF ABOUT 7,000 WORDS ON THE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF SAMUEL CUMMINGS, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENT CORPORATION, INTERARMCO, WITH STRESS ON INTERARMCO'S CURRENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE ANGOLA FIGHTING. THE ARTICLE ALSO LINKS CUMMINGS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH CIA.

THE FIRST REFERENCE TO CIA IS MADE IN A STATEMENT ACCORDING TO WHICH CUMMINGS, AFTER BRIEF STUDIES OF NATIONAL ECONOMY AND LWA, "HAD HIMSELF RECRUITED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, CIA, THE INTELLIGENCE CENTER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL." CUMMINGS IS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I PLACED MYSELF AT THE DISPOSAL OF CIA ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME DURING THE KOREAN WAR AS A WEAPONS SPECIALIST." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES BY STATING THAT "THE DISCIPLE OF THE HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE BRANCH SHOWS GREAT RESERVE WHEN REFERRING TO HIS CURRENT RELATIONS WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, ALLEN W. DULLES."

THE SECOND REFERENCE TO CIA READS AS FOLLOWS: "CUMMINGS CLAIMS THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE CIA TO RENDER SERVICES WHICH, FOR REASONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT HANDLE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN MILITARY PACT. OCCASIONALLY, THE INTERARMCO CHIEF ALSO SUPPLIED TO HIS CIA FRIENDS WEAPONS OF AN EASTERN ORIGIN WHICH HAD BEEN MOVED AROUND ON THE LARGE TURNTABLE OF INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENT BUSINESS." ASKED WHETHER SOVIET WEAPONS FOUND IN THE NEAR EAST, LAOS, AND THE CONGO, WHICH WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES HAD TAKEN AS PROOF OF COMMUNIST INTERFERENCE COULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR VIA INTERARMCO CHANNELS, CUMMINGS SAID THAT THIS WAS "THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE."

THE LAST REFERENCE TO CIA OCCURS IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "HE (CUMMINGS) ALSO BECOMES SIDLENT WHEN ASKED WHETHER HIS ENTERPRISE RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE AMATEURISH CUBAN INVASION WHICH NETTED HIS CIA FRIENDS SERIOUS REPROACHES."

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